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SUMMARY: ABOUT 8,000 PARTICIPATED IN ORDERLY, UNEVENTFUL DEMONSTRATION AT YOKOSUKA SEPT 30. WHILE SPEECHES STRESSED OPPOSITION TO MIDWAY HOMEPORTING MAINLY ON GROUNDS THAT SHIP CARRIED NUCLEAR WEAPONS, PARADE SLOGANS EQUALLY EMPHASIZED ANTI-MST AND ANTI-SDF THEMES. POLICE KEPT COMPLETE CONTROL SEPT 30 THROUGH OVERWHELMING SHOW OF FORCE. HOWEVER, THEY BELIEVE THAT THEY FACE GREATER SECURITY PROBLEM ON OCT 5 AND 7. END SUMMARY.

1. JSP-SPONSORED, ANTI-MIDWAY DEMONSTRATION AT YOKOSUKA SEPT 30 WAS, ACCORDING TO POLICE EVALUATION TO EMBASSY, AN ORDERLY, UNEVENTFUL AFFAIR. ABOUT 7,000 SOCIALIST AND SOHYO UNION MEMBERS FROM THE KANTO REGION

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AND 900 MEMBERS OF TWO EXTREMIST STUDENT GROUPS,

KAKUMARU AND FOURTH INTERNATIONALE, TURNED OUT FOR EVENT. DESPITE RAIN THROUGHOUT RALLY AND PARADE, DEMONSTRATORS WERE IN GENERAL GOOD SPIRITS, SOMETIMES BREAKING INTO SNAKE-DANCING DURING PARADE. STUDENTS SCUFFLED WITH RIOT POLICE ON TWO OCCASIONS.

2. AS EXPECTED, SPEECHES AT RALLY STRESSED OPPOSITION TO IMMINENT ARRIVAL OF MIDWAY MAINLY ON GROUNDS THAT SHIP CARRIED NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND HOMEPORTING OF SHIP AT YOKOSUKA WOULD TRANSFORM THE PORT INTO "PERMANENT" BASE OF OPERATIONS FOR "MOBILE NUCLEAR BASE." SLOGANS SHOUTED BY PARADERS AND CARRIED ON BANNERS, ON OTHER HAND, GAVE ALMOST EQUAL EMPHASIS TO DENUNCIATION OF TREATY OF MUTUAL COOPERATION AND SECURITY AND OPPOSITION TO "UNCONSTITUTIONAL" SELF DEFENSE FORCES.

3. POLICE MAINTAINED COMPLETE CONTROL BY MOBILIZING RIOT POLICE FORCE OF 2,500. THROUGHOUT LINE OF MARCH, POLICE, SOMETIMES OUTNUMBERING EXTREMIST STUDENT MARCHERS TEN-TO-ONE, KEPT LATTER GROUPS COMPLETELY SURROUNDED. POLICE WERE LINED UP THREE-DEEP AT YOKOSUKA MAIN GATE. REINFORCEMENTS AND WATER CANNON WERE HELD IN READINESS WITHIN BASE. MARCHERS WERE ALSO SEPARATED FROM BASE PERIMETER BY CONTINUING TWO-WAY TRAFFIC ON SEAWARD HALF OF ENTIRE PARADE ROUTE.

4. WHILE 8,000-MAN TURNOUT WAS CONSIDERABLY BELOW JSP CALL FOR 20,000 OR POLICE ESTIMATE OF 12,000 IT WAS NEVERTHELESS LARGEST DEMONSTRATION AT YOKOSUKA SINCE ANTI-SSN RALLIES IN FALL OF 1963. NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF OCT 1 THAT DEMONSTRATIONS ON OCT 5 AND 7 MAY BE MORE DIFFICULT TO CONTROL THAN ANTICIPATED (REFTEL) BECAUSE OF INCREASING NUMBER OF EXTREMIST STUDENT GROUPS APPLYING TO PARTICIPATE IN THEM. SOHYO YOUTH GROUPS ARE PLANNING ADDITIONAL DEMONSTRATIONS AT YOKOSUKA ON OCT 10 (JAPANESE HOLIDAY) AND OCT 14 (SUNDAY). OCT 7 IS STILL SEEN, HOWEVER, AS PEAK EVENT AT YOKOSUKA THIS FALL.  
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